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Not Enough, Certainly

What's Changed In Cuba?

ONE of that gallant band of survivors of the debacle at the Bay of Pigs reminds us that what is past is but prelude.

Cuba, says Manuel Artime, is a problem for the entire hemisphere. To this civilian leader of an invasion which ended in Castro's dungeons, "We must build a force capable of fighting communism."

In the faint wake of the prisoner ransom deal there is much to recollect.

The prisoners are free. They are being followed into exile by their blood kin as Castro makes what he hopes is a grand gesture — but slamming the door behind them.

The Russian offensive missiles and bombers are out — so far as we know — and the carpetbaggers of the Communist bloc are beginning to filter home.

But Cuba reverts to an armed camp the like of which this hemisphere has never seen. And today the walls are a little

higher, the moats a trifle broader, than before.

Nothing really has changed, except that Castro has a cache of food and medicine in exchange for his worst enemies.

All this we had best remember.

In short days Cuba will celebrate the fourth anniversary of its "socialist revolution," although Castro was careful not to call it that in 1959. The guest list is headed by a cosmonaut from a country, half a world away that scarcely existed for Cuba a decade ago.

The pearl of the Antilles that once was so closely oriented to the United States and others of its neighbors in a free society remains a Soviet outpost in the New World.

The struggle is far from done. Let us not blink the fact if indeed we propose to preserve the Western Hemisphere for freedom.